IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Bortolin *et al*. CONFIRMATION 9399

NO.

SERIAL NO.: 10/579,584 GROUP NO.: 1637

I.A. FILING DATE: March 12, 2007 EXAMINER: S. Pande

TITLE: METHOD OF DETECTING MUTATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH

THROMBOSIS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to a restriction requirement issued in an Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 3, 2009, in relation to the above-identified application. Applicants submit herewith a petition respectfully requesting a one-month extension of the date for reply to November 3, 2009, and an authorization to charge the associated fees to Deposit Account No. 07–1700. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due; however, in the event that any such fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby also authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 07–1700.

Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.